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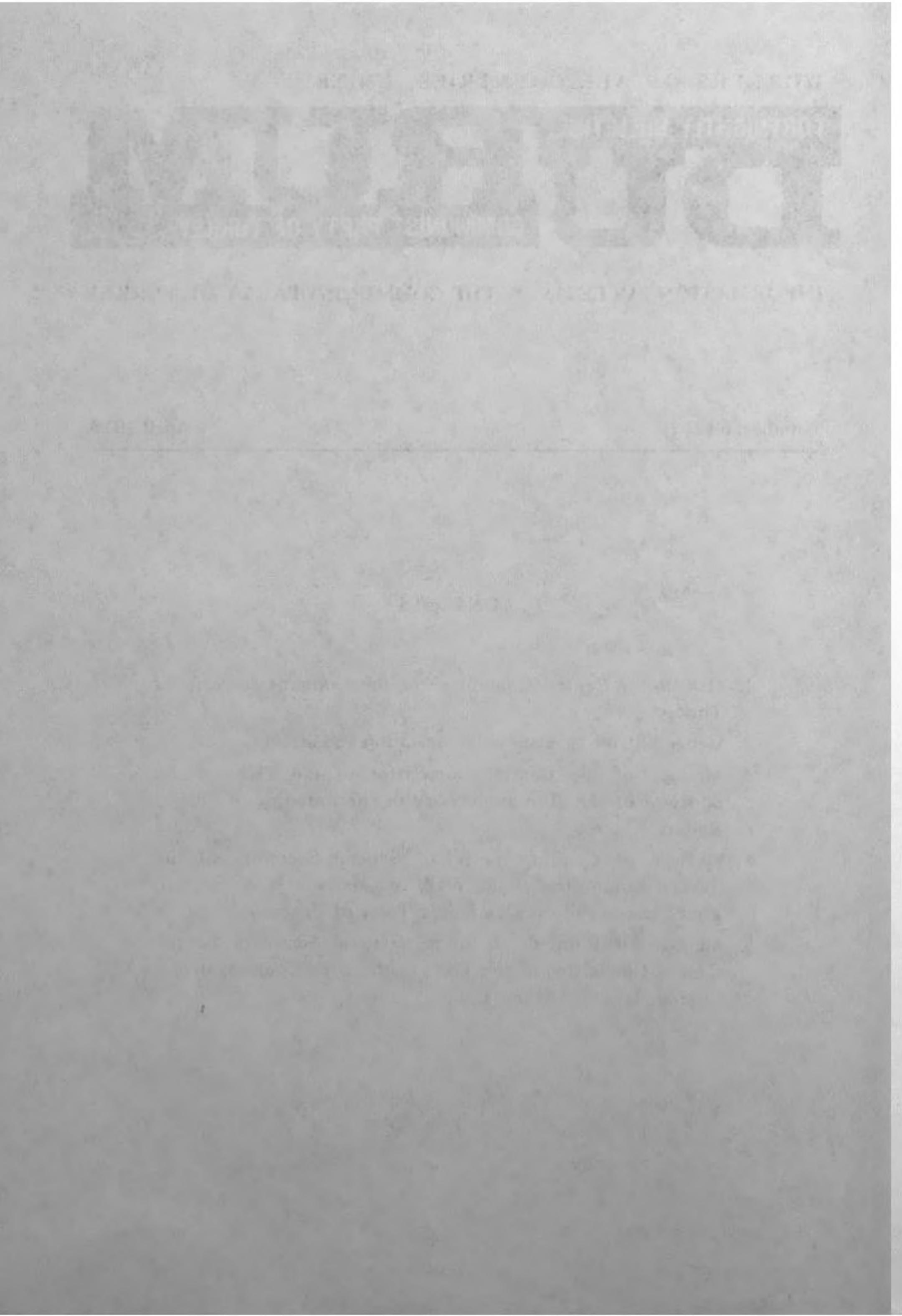
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CALL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

The fascist attacks are intensifying. The commandos of fascist Türkeş and the Nationalist Action Party, the counter-guerrillas are attacking the people and the youth like wild dogs, raining bullets and spilling blood. Behind them are American imperialism, the CIA and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie.

The most recent and bloody link in the chain of fascist attacks that have continued without let up, ever more violently since the fall of the reactionary-fascist coalition government is the slaughter in İstanbul on the 16th of March. The aim of all these attacks and provocations is to intimidate the working class and progressive forces, enable the reactionary-fascist forces to retain their positions by force of violence and drive the army against the people. The aim, as the Türüns have publicly declared is to prepare the atmosphere for a Chile-style fascist coup.

The identity of the criminals is clear. On the same day, while the youths shot by the fascists were lying on the ground in their blood, the head of the government, ignoring the sorrow of the people, was meeting with the bloody-handed Türkeş'es and Demirels. The government says that it will deal with the criminals. But it is action, not words, that is needed.

Our working class and people demand an account from their enemies. The fascist Nationalist Action Party and the Ülkü Ocakları must be closed! The immunity of all NAP MPs must be revoked! Fascist Türkeş, the gestapo spy and agent of imperialism, must be arrested and tried.

The TKP calls the working class, trade unions affiliated to DİSK (the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions) and Türk-İş and all unorganised workers to unity in struggle, to participate in a general strike for these demands of our people. Communists, members of the Turkish Workers' Party (TİP), all socialists, members of the Republican People's Party, youth, patriotic officers, NCO's and enlisted men, unite to crush the head of the fascist danger. Mass organised struggle in the factories, universities villages and cities! Country-wide national strike with meetings and demonstrations!...

It is the day of action!

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

17 March 1978

GENERAL STRIKE AGAINST FASCIST ESCALATION AND ATTACKS

With the support of American imperialism, monopoly capital collaborating with it, and criminal organisations like the CIA, the National Intelligence Agency (MIT) and the counter-guerrilla organisation, the fascist forces and Maoist grey wolves are gradually intensifying their attacks and provocations against the progressive forces.

On Thursday the 16th of March, fascist commandos belonging to the Nationalist Action Party (NAP), and the Ülkü Ocakları opened fire and threw

bombs into a group of youths in front of the İstanbul University. Six youths were killed and 44 wounded in the vicious attack. Immediately after the slaughter, provocations were organised with the aim of preventing the protest actions that were to come. The NAP fascists and the Maoist grey wolves who have united with the fascist forces to become the striking force of the ruling circles, carried out another massacre in Ümraniye. Here they killed 5 workers. In Adana two, in Niğde one, in Trabzon, İzmir, Ankara and other cities across the country, progressive students and workers fell victim to attacks by fascist commandos. On 24th of March, fascist terrorists murdered Doğan Öz, the Ankara Assistant State Attorney General. Doğan Öz had exposed the fascist commandos' attacks and their political nests.

By these attacks and provocations, the enemies of the people want to subdue the progressive forces, retain their positions by force of violence, and prepare the atmosphere for a fascist coup. In a call issued by the Central Committee on the 17th of March 1978, the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) demanded that the government take decisive measures to prevent these bloody attacks. It stressed that the government must keep its promise to the people. It called trade unions with differing political views, unorganised workers and all national democratic forces to unity of action. The call demanded the closing of fascist organisations and the Nationalist Action Party, the dispersing of the Ülkü Ocakları, and the arrest and trial of Türkeş.

The wide scale assumed by the fascist attacks and the rise of the fascist danger gave rise to massive nationwide protest. The youth organised mass protest marches in İstanbul and Ankara and in other cities. More than 50,000 youths and working people marched in the funeral procession for the youths murdered by fascist commandos in İstanbul. The Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DİSK), the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) and other mass organisations held protest demonstrations. In a press conference held in the name of 23 democratic organisations in Ankara it was stressed that the bloody attacks are a part fascist movement which has its source in imperialism. In İzmir, representatives of many professional associations and mass organisations held a press conference to condemn the events. The Federation of Democratic – Left Associations emphasised that the government must immediately take decisive measures against the attacks.

DİSK called on the workers to leave work for two hours on Monday the 20th of March. On that day members of trade unions affiliated to DİSK and of some affiliated to Türk-İş participated in a general strike which was conducted on a nationwide scale from 8-10 a.m. Progressive youth, women's organisations, professional associations, magistrates, public prosecutors and lawyers supported the general strike with mass demonstrations. 120,000 workers, teachers, youth and students took part in the anti-fascist demonstration in İstanbul. During the 2-hour general strike buses ceased running and factories came to a halt. Workers hung great banners reading "fascism shall not pass!" in front of the factories. Members of the İstanbul Bar held a protest demonstration in front of the justice building. In the course of the general strike water and electricity were cut in the capital city of Ankara. Here also the buses ceased to run. Teachers did not give their lessons. Demonstrations

in İzmir made a strong protest against the fascist policy of escalation and the violent attacks. They demanded that the government take decisive measures. Successful anti-fascist demonstrations were held in Sakarya, Samsun and the Black Sea region, in Adana, Mersin, Hatay, Gaziantep and counties connected to them. More than 20,000 DİSK workers and teachers participated in the Bursa demonstration.

The concrete steps taken in extending the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist struggle led by the working class deeply disturbed the reactionary fascist forces and capitalist circles. The head of the employers' association, Halit Narin, tried to prevent the general strike with the threat of sackings. With the aim of absolving themselves, the Demirels and Türkeş' es accused the government of "inciting anarchy". The Ecevit government tried to disperse and divide the anti-fascist national strike of our working class and women. It attempted to accuse the leaders of DİSK. In Ankara police attacked the anti-fascist demonstrators. Workers and students protesting fascism were arrested in İstanbul, Ankara and İzmir. Investigations of the leaders of DİSK were begun. This position of the government evoked a strong reaction among the people.

All these make the organised, decisive, mass unity of strength and action of all patriotic, democratic forces against fascism absolutely imperative. The TKP is struggling for the unity of action and unity in a front of the working class and all national democratic forces against the fascist danger and against its source, imperialism and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie.



JOINT STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF TURKEY AND INDIA
TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA
1 March 1978

MESSAGE OF THE TKP CENTRAL COMMITTEE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF BIZIM RADYO

Dear editorial workers and beloved comrades of Bizim Radyo,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, congratulates Bizim Radyo on the 20th anniversary of its founding with the deepest feelings.

The 20-year history of struggle of Bizim Radyo is closely bound to the struggle of our working class and people against imperialism and the collaborating bourgeoisie for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism. Bizim Radyo was established in dark days for our country. For 20 years it has voiced the national demands for breaking the American yoke, getting out of NATO, revoking the bilateral agreements and achieving national independence. It is marching on the road of world peace, and friendship with the socialist countries, our neighbours, first and foremost the Soviet Union. It is defending the democratic rights and freedoms of wide working masses and the youth.

"Bizim Radyo" is the voice of the working class and our people. It illuminates the struggle of the progressive, patriotic and revolutionary forces. It tells our people the struggle of the TKP. It defends the trade union and political unity of the working class. It struggles for the unity in front of the working class, peasants, all strata of the people and all national democratic forces.

Bizim Radyo has been listened to with great care in cities and villages for 20 years. Because it speaks the language of the people, listens to the problems of the people and illuminates the people's struggle. The ruling classes, reactionary fascist forces and all kinds of deviated trends are attacking Bizim Radyo.

The TKP sincerely congratulates Bizim Radyo on its 20-year honourable struggle. It sends revolutionary fraternal greetings to all workers and former workers of Bizim Radyo on this historic anniversary.

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

31 March, 1978

**TO COMRADE RODNEY ARISMENDI,
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF URUGUAY**

Dear Comrade Arismendi,

I sincerely congratulate you on your 65th birthday in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and all communists of Turkey and on my own behalf.

You have actively participated in the many years long struggle of the working class and people of Uruguay against imperialism, the collaborating

domestic oligarchy and fascism. You have struggled fearlessly in the ranks of the Communist Party of Uruguay and as its First Secretary. You have made valuable contributions in establishing unbreakable ties between the Communist Party of Uruguay and the CPSU, the party of great Lenin, in strengthening the unity of the world communist movement on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

I wish you new and great successes in your difficult struggle, health and long life.

With communist greetings,

I. Bilen

General Secretary
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

21 March 1978

TO THE 11TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends fraternal greetings to the 11th Congress of the Communist Party of India in the name of the communists and working people of Turkey.

The communists of India are in the front ranks of the struggle waged by the working masses to defend their interests and achieve social and political rights. The Communist Party of India is struggling against the reactionary ruling forces and the anti-popular policy of their government for the unity of all progressive and democratic forces, for peace, democracy, national independence and social progress.

The Communist Party of Turkey expresses its solidarity with this just struggle of the Communist Party of India and values its bonds with it on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The Communist Party of Turkey wishes the Communist Party of India great successes in its 11th Congress and in its future struggle.

With communist greetings,

I. Bilen

General Secretary,
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

31 March 1978